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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a divisional application of prior pending Application No. 10/087,216, filed March 4, 2002,

For (Title): METHOD FOR ELIMINATING ERROR SOURCES OF MAGNETIC SENSORS
USED FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF COATING THICKNESS

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1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
3. The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE				\$ 385		
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4. Check No. 370130 in the amount of \$ 385.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. Cancel claims 1 - 6, 10 and 11 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a application is a divisional application which claims the benefit of pending application Serial No. 10/087,216, filed March 4, 2002. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. Formal drawings (1 sheet, Figs. 1 and 2) are attached.
8. Priority of German Patent Application No. 101 11 624., filed March 10, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. The prior application is assigned of record to AUTOMATION HANS NIX GmbH recorded at Reel 012917, Frame 0561 on May 21, 2002.
10. A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
12. Applicant herein qualified as a small entity status in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired in the present application.
13. The Power of Attorney in the application is to Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Raymond J. Ho, Reg. No. 41,838; Wilburn Chesser, Reg. No. 41,668; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Rustan J. Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412; Bala Sundararajan, Reg. No. 50,900; King Wong, Reg. No. 37,500; Sam Huang, Reg. No. 48,430; Rhonda L. Barton, Reg. No. 47,271; Marylee Jenkins, Reg. No. 37,645; Leo Loughlin, Reg. No. 42,811; Sarah Stahnke, Reg. No. 54,854; Janine Carlan, Reg. No. 42,387; and John Hsu, Reg. No. 45,563.
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